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THE SURGEON GENERAL AND HIS PARTY  
RETURN FROM OVERSEAS

After a six weeks' tour of the Pacific Theater of Operations, Major General Norman T. Kirk, The Surgeon General, Brigadier General James S. Simmons, USA, Chief of the Preventive Medicine Service, and Colonel A. B. Welsh, MC, Deputy Chief of the Operations Service, returned to Washington this month.

While in the Pacific area The Surgeon General and his party inspected all phases of Medical Department operation.

GENERALS BLISS AND RANKIN HONOR LIBERATED NURSES

Brigadier General Raymond W. Bliss, USA, Assistant Surgeon General, and Brigadier General Fred W. Rankin, USA, Chief Consultant in Surgery to The Surgeon General, went to San Francisco last month to greet the liberated Army nurses as soon as they stepped on "home" soil. In the group beside the 64 Army nurses were two hospital dietitians, a physical therapist, and an American Red Cross worker who had been prisoners of the Japanese in the Philippines.

"The Medical Department is proud of you and honored to be the first to say 'Welcome Home,'" General Bliss told them. "Your courage is an inspiration...."

General Kenner Home on Visit

Major General Albert W. Kenner, Chief Surgeon of Supreme Headquarters Allied Expeditionary Forces, was in this country on a brief leave last month.

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ARMY MEDICINE

--Philadelphia Bulletin, 19 February 1945

I thought that perhaps readers who have loved ones in the armed services would be interested to hear my enthusiastic endorsement of Army medicine. Over a period of 23 months in ten different hospitals, I have had an opportunity to experience and to witness a great deal of the work being done by the members of Army hospital organizations. The work is well-planned, well-administered, and the treatments afforded the patients are efficiently carried out by excellently qualified doctors and nurses.

Services rendered by ward men and civilian employees in the various specialized departments deserve the highest praise. It cannot be attributed to my good fortune alone that in each of the ten hospital installations where I was treated I should have had such completely satisfactory medical and surgical attention. I truthfully believe that many phases of the treatment afforded me were miraculous in the results they achieved. Army medicine saved my life, repaired my body, and introduced me to a corps of men and women whose lives and services will be an inspiration to me as long as I live.

Merl H. Scheffey,  
Captain, Air Corps, U. S. Army.

Colonel Vail, New Chief of Ophthalmology Branch

Colonel Derrick Tilton Vail, MC, Senior Consultant in ophthalmology for the European Theater of Operations since 1942, has been assigned as Chief of the Ophthalmology Branch, Surgical Consultants Division, Office of The Surgeon General. He replaces Lieutenant Colonel Middleton E. Randolph, MC, who has been assigned as Chief of the Eye, Ear, Nose and Throat Section of Valley Forge General Hospital, Phoenixville, Pa. Colonel Vail has also been designated SGO liaison officer with the Committee on Sensory Devices, Office of Scientific Research and Development, SGO liaison officer with the Army-Navy-OSRD Vision Committee, and SGO liaison officer with the Committee on Ophthalmology, National Research Council.



(COLONEL VAIL, NEW CHIEF OF OPHTHALMOLOGY BRANCH, Continued)

He is well known in civilian medical circles as Editor-in-Chief and Manager of the Journal of Ophthalmology, from which he is on leave, and for his work at the University of Cincinnati where he was professor of ophthalmology and director of that department.

He received his M.D. degree from Harvard Medical School in 1923 and studied cataract surgery at the Church Missionary Society of England School at Shirkapur, Sind, India, in 1925. Later, he studied at Oxford University, England, from which he received his diploma in ophthalmology in 1927. In 1942 he entered the Medical Corps as a lieutenant colonel and was promoted to colonel in 1943.

Northwestern University, Chicago, Ill., has just appointed Colonel Vail professor and director of the department of ophthalmology, granting him leave until after the war.

COLONEL HUSSEY RETIRES FROM ACTIVE DUTY

Lieutenant Colonel Raymond G. Hussey, MC, Director of the Army Industrial Hygiene Laboratory, Baltimore, Md., has retired from active duty to accept appointment as Dean of the School of Occupational Health which he is now organizing at Wayne University, Detroit, Michigan.

Colonel Hussey is one of the foremost authorities in the field of occupational health. His development of the Army Industrial Hygiene Laboratory under the Preventive Medicine Service, Office of The Surgeon General, represents a new departure in this field of preventive medicine in the United States Army. At Wayne University he will organize the first formal program of educational health and medicine.

Colonel Hussey received his M.D. degree from the University of Maryland School of Medicine and College of Physicians and Surgeons in 1911. He entered the Army as a first lieutenant in 1917. During World War I he was Commanding Officer of the Central Medical Laboratory and had reached the rank of lieutenant colonel when he returned to civilian life in 1919. Subsequently he became professor of pathology at Yale University School of Medicine and then at the University of Maryland. He was chairman of the Maryland State Board for Occupational Diseases and is a member of the Council on Industrial Health of the American Medical Association.

Colonel Hussey came to the Army Industrial Laboratory as its civilian director at the beginning of 1943 and was commissioned several months later.

Combat Badge for Medical Personnel

A special badge has been authorized for Medical Department personnel who daily share with the infantry the hazards and hardships of combat. Made of silver, the Medical Badge is elliptical in shape with the caduceus and the Geneva Cross superimposed on a litter surrounded by a wreath of oak leaves. It is to be worn on the left breast above decorations and service ribbons.

The badge was established in recognition of "the important role being performed by medical personnel on duty with infantry units, especially infantry battalions." Enlisted and officer personnel below field grade (major) and regimental surgeons regardless of rank are eligible for the badge if they have seen combat service with the infantry since December 7, 1941.

COLONEL HARTSOCK DIES

Colonel Frederick McGregor Hartsock, MC, retired, died on March 7 at his home in Washington, D. C. after a brief illness. He was 69 years old and had retired from active duty in 1939 after serving with the Medical Corps for 41 years. Funeral services were held at the Fort Myer (Va.) chapel and burial took place at Arlington Cemetery.

Colonel Hartsock was born in Fredrick, Md., but spent his boyhood in Washington, D.C. He received his M.D. degree from the George Washington University School of Medicine in 1897. Soon after his graduation he joined the Medical Corps and served during the Spanish American War. He was in the



#### (COLONEL HARTSOCK DIES, Continued)

Philippines during the insurrection and later was attached to the American Embassy at Peking, China. Subsequently he studied at the University of Vienna and at Harvard University.

From 1930 to 1934 Colonel Hartsock was chief surgeon at Soldiers' Home, in Washington, D.C. His research on cancer was done at that time. Following this, he was chief surgeon at Fort Monroe, Va., from 1934 until his retirement in 1939, when he returned to Washington, D.C. to live.

Colonel Hartsock was a fellow of the American College of Surgeons, and a member of the American Medical Association.

He is survived by his widow, Mrs. Helen Hartsock, who resides at 3817 Calvert St., N.W., Washington, D.C.; a daughter, Mrs. Charles K. Kimmel; and two sons, Fredrick B. Hartsock, a senior at George Washington University School of Medicine, and Sergeant Richard M. Hartsock, now with the Ninth Army in Germany.

#### GENERAL MORGAN HONORED

Brigadier General Hugh J. Morgan, USA, who is Chief Consultant in Medicine to The Surgeon General, has been named President-Elect of the American College of Physicians. Previously he was a member of the Board of Regents of the College.

#### Colonel Ravdin Receives Senior Surgery Chair at U. of P.

The John Rhea Barton professorship in surgery--the senior chair in surgery at the University of Pennsylvania School of Medicine--has been awarded to Colonel Isidor S. Ravdin, MC, Commanding Officer of the 20th General Hospital in India. While he is on active duty, the Chair will continue to be held by the retiring Professor, Dr. Eldridge L. Eliason.

Colonel Ravdin, who recently completed a tour of temporary duty at the Office of The Surgeon General, received the Legion of Merit last December. At that time it was stated that "through his professional knowledge and devotion to duty he made a major contribution to the success of operations in the Burma campaign against the Japs in the Hukawng and Mogaung valleys." Earlier, in October, he was honored by the Chinese who presented him with a banner.

Colonel Ravdin has been on leave as Harrison Professor of Surgery and director of the Harrison Department of Surgical Research at the University of Pennsylvania. He was graduated from the University of Pennsylvania Medical School in 1918 and entered the Army as a lieutenant colonel in 1940.

#### OFFICERS COMPLETE NEUROPSYCHIATRY COURSE

On the 19th of February, a class of 121 medical officers who had completed a three months' course in Military Neuropsychiatry were graduated from Mason General Hospital, Long Island, N.Y., Columbia University and New York University, New York, N.Y. These men will be assigned to various neuropsychiatric posts for hospital experience before being sent overseas. On that same day, a new class of 101 medical officers began at Mason General Hospital, under the Commanding Officer of the Hospital, Colonel C. C. Odom and the Director at the school, Colonel William C. Porter.

#### Helen Keller Visits S.G.O.

Miss Helen Keller, nationally known figure, visited Colonel Derrick T. Vail, Chief Consultant, Ophthalmology, Surgical Consultants Division, Office of The Surgeon General, Tuesday, March 13, 1945. Miss Keller made the trip here from New York for the express purpose of thanking Colonel Vail for the privilege of being permitted to visit the wounded in the army hospitals. As the result of a trip across the continent, Miss Keller is amazed at the wonderful work being done by our surgeons, and the cooperation between surgeons, teachers and scientists all working together to help the wounded.



## SGO OFFICERS ON HOSPITAL INSPECTION TOUR

Eight Army general hospitals were inspected last month by a group of officers representing various divisions of The Surgeon General's Office. Included in the group headed by Colonel A. H. Schwichtenberg, MC, Deputy Chief of the Operations Service in charge of hospitals were Colonel L. T. Peterson, MC, Chief of the Orthopedic Branch, Surgical Consultants Division, Colonel D. G. Hall, MC, Director of the Military Personnel Division, Lieutenant Colonel M. J. Farrell, MC, Assistant Director of the Neuropsychiatry Consultants Division, Lieutenant Colonel Harrison Shull, MC, Chief of the General Medicine Branch, Medical Consultants Division, Lieutenant Colonel Oscar B. Griggs, Director of the Issue Division, Lieutenant Colonel W. T. Smith, of the Administration Branch, Hospital Division, Major Edna Groppe, ANC, Chief of the Nursing Personnel Branch, Military Personnel Division, Major H. B. Gwynn, MC, of the Reconditioning Consultants Division, and Dr. Eli Ginzberg, Director of the Resources Analysis Division.

Hospitals visited were Ashford General Hospital at White Sulphur Springs, W.Va., Thayer General Hospital at Nashville, Tenn., Northington General Hospital at Tuscaloosa, Ala., Lawson General Hospital at Atlanta, Ga., Finney General Hospital at Thomasville, Ga., Walsh Convalescent Hospital at Daytona Beach, Fla., the Army General and Convalescent Hospital at Camp Butner, Durham, N.C., and Moore General Hospital at Swannanoa, N.C.

All of these hospitals are writing medical history as special treatment centers. Moore General Hospital in particular is recognized as the outstanding tropical disease center.

### RECENT PROMOTIONS, OFFICE OF THE SURGEON GENERAL

#### Captain to Major

JOHN W. APPEL, MC, of Philadelphia, Pa., Neuropsychiatry Consultants Division.

#### First Lieutenant to Captain

GILBERT W. BEEBE, MAC, of Washington, D.C., Control Division.

GLEN R. BITNER, MAC, of McConnellsburg, Pa., Hospital Division, Operations Service.

TED S. COOPER, MAC, of Steubenville, Ohio, Special Planning Division, Operations Service.

WALTER A. EKEREN, MAC, of Thief River Falls, Minn., Physical Standards Division, Professional Administrative Service.

LEO E. FITZGIBBONS, JAGD, Iowa City, Iowa, Legal Division.

KENT L. GILLENWATER, MAC, of Newman, Ga., Hospital Division, Operations Service.

MORTON ROBINS, MAC, of Albany, N.Y., Medical Statistics Division, Professional Administrative Service.

#### Second Lieutenant to First Lieutenant

LILLIAN BROUSSARD, WAC, of Lafayette, La., Reconditioning Consultants Division.

OLIVER J. GWIN, MAC, of Abilene, Texas, Storage and Maintenance Division.

HAROLD G. MOLYNEAU, MAC, of Silvertown, Texas, Stock Control Division, Supply Service.

### RECENT PROMOTIONS, MEDICAL CORPS OFFICERS

#### Lieutenant Colonel to Colonel

WILLIAM J. ADLINGTON, DC, Winterport, Me.

ALLEN NELSON BRACKER, MC, Portland, Ore.

JOSEPH EDWIN COX, MC, Waynesboro, Va.

NORMAN LOUIS HEMINGWAY, MC, Somerville, N.J.

CECIL SPENCER MOLLOHAN, MC, Telluride, Colo.

DANIEL JOSEPH SHEEHAN, MC, Columbus, Ohio.

DANIEL STEVENS STEVENSON, VC, Camden, N.J.

FRANK EDWARD STINCHFIELD, MC, New York, N.Y.

LESTER PAUL VEIGEL, MC, Dickinson, N.D.



(RECENT PROMOTIONS, MEDICAL CORPS OFFICERS, Continued)

Major to Lieutenant Colonel

JACOB LESTER ALBOUGH, DC, Bartonville, Ill.  
RAYMOND LATHROP BARRETT, MC, Longmeadow, Mass.  
WILLIAM ALEXANDER COOPER, MC, New York, N.Y.  
JOE BRITTON DAUDELIN, DC, Dallas, Tex.  
THOMAS STUART DAUGHERTY, DC, Kansas City, Mo.  
WILLIAM HAROLD DUNN, MC, New York, N.Y.  
PAUL LEWIS EISELE, MC, Statesan, Wisc.  
EDWARD THOMPSON EVANS, MC, Minneapolis, Minn.  
HELAND LEE FLOWERS, MC, Bronx, N.Y.  
ALBERT DE GROOT, MC, Detroit, Mich.  
WALLACE ANSELM GLEASON, MC, St. Paul, Minn.  
LAWRENCE HAYSE GOODMAN, MC, Findley, Ohio.  
DOUGLAS MEHARG GORDON, MC, Ponca City, Okla.  
TAYLOR WOOD GRIFFIN, MC, Quincy, Fla.  
GEORGE LIND HARDGROVE, MC, Doylestown, Ohio.  
JOSEPH FRANKLIN HERMAN, DC, Peoria, Ill.  
ALFRED HORTON HENSHAW, MC, Kansas City, Kansas.  
ERNEST E. HODGSON, VC, Alexandria, Va.  
HERSCHEL HAZEN HEJATT, MC, Copperhill, Tenn.  
WILLIAM WARNER JOHNSON, MC, Clinton County, N.Y.  
THOMAS DOUGLAS KENDRICK, MC, New Hartford, N.Y.  
ALBERT LANGE, DC, Madison, Wisc.  
WILLIAM RUTLEDGE LIPSCOMB, MC, Denver, Colo.  
SIDNEY JAMES MAC LEOD, MC, Chicago, Ill.  
FRANK JACKSON MAGERS, MAC, Silver Springs, Md.  
EDWARD STEVENSON MURRAY, MC, Cedar Rapids, Ia.  
BEN VERNON MYERS, MC, Elyria, Ohio.  
LOVICK WILSON PIERCE, MC, Waycross, Ga.  
JOHN NEWBOLD ROBINSON, MC, New York, N.Y.  
THOMAS RAYMOND PRESTON, MC, Hartford, Conn.  
ARTEMAS JAMES STEWART, MC, Lowell, Mass.  
WILLIAM EDWARD TREPP, DC, Portsmouth, Ohio.  
PAUL PHILLIPS ULRICH, DC, Ardmore, Pa.  
LIONEL MARCUS WEST, DC, Chicago, Ill.  
CHARLES STEUART WILSON, MC, Detroit, Mich.  
WILLIAM KENNETH WOLFE, MC, Hay Springs, Neb.

DEPARTURES, OFFICE OF THE SURGEON GENERAL

COLONEL ACHILLES L. TYNES, MC, of Washington, D.C., Hospital Division, Operations Service, assigned overseas.

LIEUTENANT COLONEL ROBERT R. KELLEY, of Champaign, Ill., Supply Service, assigned to Denver Medical Depot, Denver, Colo.

LIEUTENANT COLONEL MIDDLETON E. RANDOLPH, of Baltimore, Md., Surgical Consultants Division, assigned to Valley Forge General Hospital, Phoenixville, Pa.

LIEUTENANT COLONEL BURGESS L. GORDON, MC, of Philadelphia, Pa., Technical Division, Operations Service, assigned to United States Army General Hospital, Camp Pickett, Va.

CAPTAIN JOHN JOSEPH MARTIN, MAC, of Brookline, Mass., Medical Statistics Division, assigned to Tilton General Hospital, Fort Dix, N.J.

CAPTAIN MORTON ROBINS, MAC, of Albany, N.Y., Medical Statistics Division, Professional Administrative Service, assigned to Letterman General Hospital, San Francisco, Calif.

NEW ASSIGNMENTS, OFFICE OF THE SURGEON GENERAL

LIEUTENANT COLONEL RYLE A RADKE, MC, of Everett, Wash., formerly at Binghamton Medical Depot, Binghamton, N.Y., assigned to Supply Service.

LIEUTENANT COLONEL ANTHONY RUPPERSBERG, JR., MC, of Columbus, Ohio, formerly at Billings General Hospital, Fort Benjamin Harrison, Ind., assigned to Hospital Division, Operations Service.

SECOND LIEUTENANT BRUCE W. KOWALEWSKY, MAC, of Los Angeles, Calif., formerly at Camp Barkeley, Texas, assigned to Military Personnel Division, Personnel Service.



## LIEUT. COL. ROBERT CARPENTER PROMOTED

Lieutenant Colonel Robert John Carpenter, MC, Executive Officer of The Office of The Surgeon General, was promoted this month to the rank of Colonel.

Since 1943, Colonel Carpenter, as Executive Officer, has supervised the administrative operation of the entire Office of The Surgeon General.

He has brought to this position a rich background gained through 28 years of private practice in general medicine and obstetrics combined with a knowledge of law studied before he determined on a medical career. At the beginning of World War I he procured personnel for, organized and trained a Red Cross Ambulance Unit with which he entered the Army. He later served with the AEF in France as Commanding Officer of a field hospital company. At the beginning of this war he procured the staff for, organized and commanded an affiliated station hospital unit at Ft. Devens, Mass.

Colonel Carpenter, who was born in Mechanics Falls, Me., attended Yale College and Yale Law School in New Haven, Conn., and received his medical degree from Tufts College Medical School in 1914. He interned at Massachusetts General Hospital and Boston City Hospital. His home is North Adams, Mass.

## ARMY ACHIEVING SPEEDY EXPANSION OF HOSPITALS

The Army's expansion of its general hospitals by 70,000 beds is being rapidly accomplished through the conversion of existing buildings on hospital grounds rather than through new construction, according to the Office of The Surgeon General.

"At many of the general hospitals," said Brigadier General Raymond W. Bliss, USA, Assistant Surgeon General, "there are well-constructed barracks, built with an eye to the future, which were used to house overseas hospital units during their training period. These barracks are now being turned into wards for patients. Permanent barracks, built to house the hospital staff, are also being converted into wards and are being replaced with temporary barracks which can be quickly constructed."

Over 50,000 more patients are being cared for in the Army's general hospitals than was the case three months ago. During the past month about 1,200 casualties arrived from overseas daily.

## General Morgan on Medical Library Committee

Brigadier General Hugh J. Morgan, Consultant in Medicine to The Surgeon General, has been elected a member of the Endowments and Grants Committee of the Army Medical Library. Dr. Morris Fishbein, editor of the AHA Journal, is chairman of the Committee whose members include Brigadier General Fred W. Rankin, USA, Chief Consultant in Surgery to The Surgeon General, Dr. Arthur H. Sanford, head of the division of clinical laboratories at the Mayo Clinic, and Dr. Atherton Seidell, editor of The Current List of Medical Literature.

## COL. PYLES, RETIRED SURGEON, DIES

Colonel Will L. Pyles, retired Army surgeon, died March 12, in New York City at the age of 67 after a long illness. Funeral services were held at Fort Myer (Va.) Chapel and burial followed at Arlington Cemetery.

Colonel Pyles was born in Washington, D.C. and attended Eastern High School in that city. He received his medical degree from Columbian University, Washington, D.C., in 1901 and was graduated from the Army Medical School in 1903. He received the degree of Doctor of Public Health from Johns Hopkins University in 1923 and in 1927 was graduated from the advance course of the Army Medical Field Service School.

He entered the Army as a surgeon in 1902, was promoted to a captain in the Medical Corps in 1907, to major in 1916, to lieutenant colonel in 1917 and to colonel in 1928. After 40 years in the Army he retired in 1942 having served twice in the Philippine Islands, from 1903 to 1905 and from 1908 to 1910. He was Commanding Officer of Gorgas Hospital, Panama Canal Zone, from 1923 to 1927. At the time of his retirement he was Surgeon of the Fifth Corps Area with headquarters at Columbus, Ohio.



(COL. PYLES, RETIRED SURGEON, DIES, Continued)

Colonel Pyles was a Fellow of the American College of Surgeons, a member of the American Medical Association and a Thirty-Second Degree Mason.

He is survived by his widow, Mrs. Grace Pyles of 20 E. 35 St., New York City.

GENERAL KING AWARDED LEGION OF MERIT

Brigadier General Edgar King, USA, commanding officer of the Medical Section, Army Service Forces Training Center, Fort Lewis, Wash., has been awarded the Legion of Merit for "exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services." The citation declares that General King, "directed and coordinated the organization, training and supply of medical units which participated with the forces engaged in the successful operations in the Gilbert, Marshall, and Marianas Islands."

General King was graduated from the University of Arkansas in 1906, and the Army Medical School in 1907. He was promoted to the rank of Brigadier General in 1942. He was Surgeon of the Hawaiian Department at the time of Pearl Harbor and was awarded the Distinguished Service Medal for outstanding work in caring for Pearl Harbor casualties. Subsequently he was Surgeon of the Central Pacific Area and then became Surgeon of the United States Armed Forces, Pacific Ocean Area.

Major Walker Promoted

Major Douglass W. Walker, MC, Executive Officer, Preventive Medicine Service, Office of The Surgeon General, has been promoted to the rank of lieutenant colonel.

Colonel Walker's first Army assignment in 1941 was with the Epidemiology Division, Preventive Medicine Service, Office of The Surgeon General, and shortly thereafter he was made Assistant to the Administrator of the Board for the Investigation and Control of Influenza and other Epidemic Diseases in the Army. He rendered important service assisting and in executive management in epidemiological investigations of the control of communicable disease. He has assisted in the maintenance of liaison and cooperation with the Committee on Medical Research, USRC, the Public Health Service, the Coordinator of Inter-American Affairs and other agencies concerned with both military and civilian health in the country.

Colonel Walker was born in Thomaston, Maine. He was graduated from Bowdoin College in Brunswick, Me., in 1935 and received his M.D. degree from Yale University School of Medicine in 1939. Before he entered the Army he was Acting Resident and Instructor in pediatrics at Yale University School of Medicine.

COLONEL FOX DIES

Colonel William Lyman Fox, MC, died on February 27 while enroute to Fort Bragg, N.C., from Camp McCain, Miss., where he was post Surgeon and Commanding Officer of the Station Hospital. The cause of death was given as cerebral hemorrhage.

Colonel Fox was born in Charleston, Ohio, in 1894, but spent most of his life in Cleveland. He received his M.D. degree from Ohio State University in 1917 and entered the Army the same year.

He is survived by his widow, Mrs. William L. Fox, who resides at 1750 Hampshire Lane, Cleveland Heights, Ohio.

Film on Reconditioning of Amputees  
Released for Public Showing

"Swinging into Step," a motion picture which shows how soldiers who have lost arms or legs are prepared by the Army Medical Department not only for their return to civilian life, but for their "come back," has been released for public showing. Originally produced as a restricted "training film," for showing to the men, themselves, as soon as possible after they are wounded, this inspiring picture is now available to clubs, schools and other organizations as well as



(Film on Reconditioning of Amputees Released for Public Showing, Continued)

commercial movie houses. Requests should be directed to the Public Relations Officer of the nearest Army hospital.

The scene opens with three men in wheel chairs playing cards on the sun deck of a hospital ship en route home. One has lost an arm, one has lost a leg, and the third has lost both legs. In the background other wounded soldiers are amusing themselves, apparently light-heartedly, but the conversation of the three quickly reveals what must be in the minds of all: their doubts and fears of the future.

Reassurance is given by a Medical Corps Major who was an orthopedic surgeon--before he lost his arm. Over his voice the picture shows what happens to soldiers similarly wounded. How they learn to use their artificial arms and legs and finally are able to resume normal living. Further reassurance--as to how women react to disabled men--is given through the candid anecdotes of an Army nurse.

The War Department decided to release this film not only because of its informative value but to encourage a proper attitude on the part of the public toward disabled soldiers. The film is also of interest to medical men because of its portrayal of the Army Reconditioning Program.

GENERAL KIRK ON COMMITTEE SUPERVISING  
PERSONAL SERVICES FOR MILITARY PERSONNEL

Major General Norman T. Kirk, USA, The Surgeon General, has been appointed a member of the new Ad Hoc Committee formed to coordinate and effectuate the overall program of personal services for military personnel. This comprehensive program covers physical and educational reconditioning in hospitals and convalescent centers, information and education programs, separation classification and counseling, personal affairs programs, Army emergency relief and other services. The Committee will study and evaluate these various programs and prepare recommendations based on its findings.

Jap Prisoner for Three Years,  
Son of General Bliss Arrives Home

Liberated by the Rangers from the Cabanatuan Camp on Luzon after three years of imprisonment by the Japanese, Lieutenant Raymond W. Bliss, Jr., CAC, arrived home in Washington, D.C. this month. He is the son of Brigadier General Raymond W. Bliss, Assistant Surgeon General.